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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV360-8-9

SUBJECT: PER – West Virginia Conservation Partnership Conference

Purpose: To inform employees of the 2008 WV Conservation Partnership Conference

Expiration Date: This bulletin expires October 31, 2008

ACTION REQUESTED BY: Field - 8/15/08

Management Team – 8/29/08

The West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts (WVACD) is joining with the West Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (WVSWCS), the West Virginia Resources Conservation and Development Association, the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists (WVAPSS), the West Virginia Conservation Agency, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the USDA Farm Service Agency, the West Virginia Conservation Districts, and the WVACD Auxiliary to host a joint annual 2008 West Virginia Conservation Partnership Conference. The meeting will be held on October 28-30 at the Charleston Town Center Marriott in Charleston, West Virginia. The theme of the conference is "Smart Growth in A Changing Environment." Our agency will be supporting this effort through participation in the conference planning and attendance at the conference.

Employees should request permission to attend through the chain of command. Supervisors will send the list of employees they recommend to attend to their Management Team Member for concurrence. Management Team Members should forward their list of employees to the State Conservationist for attendance approval. Justification for attendance should include items such as making a presentation, receiving training, supporting farm award presentation, etc.

The following meals will be provided in the registration fee: Dinner on Tuesday, October 28 - deduct \$21.00 from daily M&IE; Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 29 - deduct \$12.00 from daily M&IE; Business Luncheon on Thursday, October 30 - deduct \$12.00 from daily M&IE; and Banquet on Thursday, October 30 - deduct \$21.00 from daily M&IE.



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All employees are expected to <u>carpool in a GOV</u>. Individuals may request in writing <u>prior to the meeting</u> the use of a POV from their Management Team Member. The POV rate (12.5 cents per mile) can be approved by the Management Team Member.

Registration fees for approved NRCS employees will be paid directly by NRCS through the State Office

If you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Elliott-Friend at 304-284-4247.

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